



# Competition Act 1980

## CHAPTER 21

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 11B(1A)(a) word omitted by virtue of S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. C1(2) (b) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 16](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
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- s. 19 words substituted by [2003 c. 20 Sch. 2 para. 19\(f\)](#)
- s. 20 repealed by [2002 c. 40 Sch. 26](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 11B(1A)(c) and word inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. C1(3) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 16](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)